

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A developer supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said container comprising:

5           a container body for accommodating the developer;

            drive connection member, provided substantially at a rotation center of said developer supply container, for driving engagement with a  
10   driving member provided in the image forming apparatus, wherein said drive connection member has a drive transmitting portion for transmitting a rotational force received from said driving member to said container body,

15           wherein said drive transmitting portion is disposed so as to be idly rotatable for a sufficient time after start of rotation of said drive transmitting portion and before engagement with the container body.

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2. A container according to Claim 1, wherein said drive transmitting portion is engageable with an engaging portion provided in the container body.

25   3. A container according to Claim 2, wherein said drive transmitting portion is engageable with said engaging portion at a position away from a rotational

axis of said container body.

4. A container according to Claim 3, wherein two  
of such drive transmitting portions are provided at  
5 substantially opposed positions, and such engaging  
portions are provided corresponding to said drive  
transmitting portions, respectively.

5. A container according to any one of Claims 1-4,  
10 wherein said drive connection member has a sealing  
portion for unsealably sealing a developer discharge  
opening.

6. A container according to Claim 5, wherein said  
15 container body has a large diameter portion, a small  
diameter portion at one end of the large diameter  
portion, and when said sealing member is at a position  
for unsealing the discharge opening, a part of the  
drive transmitting portion is at the small diameter  
20 portion, and is engaged with the container body.

7. A container according to Claim 6, wherein said  
drive transmitting means is provided extended along an  
inner surface of said drive transmitting means.

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8. A container according to Claim 5, wherein said  
sealing portion is movable between a position where it

opens the discharge opening and a position where it reseal the opening.

9. A drive transmitting member for a developer  
5 supply container, said drive transmitting member being  
drivingly engageable with an image forming apparatus,  
said drive transmitting member comprising:

drive connection portion, provided  
substantially at a rotation center of said developer  
10 supply container, for driving engagement with a  
driving member provided in the image forming  
apparatus;

drive transmitting portion for transmitting a  
rotational force received from said driving member to  
15 said container body,

wherein said drive transmitting portion is  
disposed so as to be idly rotatable for a sufficient  
time after start of rotation of said drive  
transmitting portion and before engagement with the  
20 container body.

10. A member according to Claim 9, wherein said  
drive transmitting portion is engageable with an  
engaging portion provided in the container body.

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11. A member according to Claim 10, wherein said  
drive transmitting portion is engageable with said

engaging portion at a position away from a rotational axis of said container body.

12. A member according to Claim 11, wherein two of  
5 such drive transmitting portions are provided at substantially opposed positions, and such engaging portions are provided corresponding to said drive transmitting portions, respectively.

10 13. A member according to any one of Claims 9-12, wherein said member has a sealing portion for unsealably sealing a developer discharge opening.

14. A member according to Claim 13, wherein said  
15 container body has a large diameter portion, a small diameter portion at one end of the large diameter portion, and when said sealing member is at a position for unsealing the discharge opening, a part of the drive transmitting portion is at the small diameter  
20 portion, and is engaged with the container body.

15. A member according to Claim 14, wherein said drive transmitting means is provided extended along an inner surface of said drive transmitting means.

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16. A member according to Claim 13, wherein said sealing portion is movable between a position where it

opens the discharge opening and a position where it reseal the opening.

17. A developer supply container detachably  
5 mountable to an image forming apparatus, said container comprising:

a container body for accommodating the developer;

drive connection member, provided  
10 substantially at a rotation center of said developer supply container, for driving engagement with a driving member provided in the image forming apparatus, wherein said drive connection member has a drive transmitting portion for transmitting a  
15 rotational force received from said driving member to said container body, said drive transmitting portion being extended toward said container body,

wherein said drive connection member is capable of being locked with said container body so  
20 that said drive transmitting portion is accommodated toward said container body,

wherein said drive transmitting portion is engageable with said engaging portion at a position away from a rotational axis of said container body.

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18. A developer supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said

container comprising:

a container body for accommodating the developer;

a sealing member, provided substantially at a  
5 rotation center of said developer supply container,  
for unsealably sealing the developer discharge  
opening, wherein said sealing member has a drive  
connecting portion for driving connection with a  
driving member provided in said image forming  
10 apparatus and a drive transmitting portion for  
transmitting a rotational force received from said  
driving member to said container body,

wherein said drive transmitting portion is  
disposed so as to be idly rotatable for a sufficient  
15 time after start of rotation of said drive  
transmitting portion and before engagement with the  
container body.

wherein said sealing member is movable  
between an unsealing position where said discharge  
20 opening is open to a resealing position.